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Applicant(s): Simone SUGLIANI, et al.	Attorney Docket No.: P/63988
Application No.: 10/554,193	Group Art Unit:
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Title: COUNTER-PUMPED DISTRIBUTED RAMON AMPLIFICATION IN WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEX OPTICAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS	

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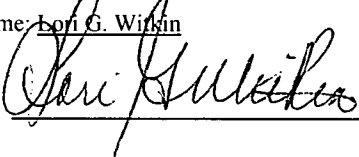
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